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SUBJECT: NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE VISIT TO AFRICA

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1. EMBASSY PURSUING FORMULATION OF NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE PROGRAM WITH EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICE. TENTATIVE PLANS SO FAR ARE:

A. TIME AVAILABLE ON MAY 1 RESERVED FOR U.S. IN-HOUSE BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE SOCIAL EVENT IN THE EVENING.

B. MAY 2 TURNED OVER TO GOB FOR BRIEFINGS BY SENIOR OFFICIALS ON FOREIGN POLICY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED SUBJECTS, WITH POSSIBLE RECEPTION HOSTED BY GOB OFFICIAL IN EVENING.

C. MAY 3 (A SATURDAY), EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICE HAS SUGGESTED VISIT TO ORAPA DIAMOND MINES. IN THIS REGARD THEY HAVE TWO QUESTIONS. FIRST, CAN C-130 AIRCRAFT LAND ON AND TAKE OFF FROM 5,000 FEET GRAVEL AIRSTRIP? SECOND, CAN C-130 ACCOMMODATE 5 ADDITIONAL PASSENGERS FOR FLIGHT GABORONE - ORAPA - GABORONE? THESE WOULD BE ONE OR TWO FROM EMBASSY PLUS 2 OR 3 FROM GOB. EVENING OF MAY 3 COULD BE SET ASIDE

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FOR SMALLER DINNERS AT SEVERAL AMERICAN HOMES TO INCLUDE

BOTSWANA AGUESTS. NO PROGRAM HAS BEEN CONSIDERED FOR MAY 4
IN VIEW OF PROJECTED EARLY MORNING DEPARTURE.

2. RE REF A, WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO HAVE EMBOFF FROM LUSAKA
FOR BRIEFINGS, WHICH WOULD PROBABLY OCCUR AFTERNOON OF MAY 1
IN LINE WITH ABOVE SCHEDULE.

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON AVAILABILITY OF
FUNDS FOR POSSIBLE REVERSE HOSPITALITY AND FOR BUS FOR TRANSPORTATION
IN GABORONE, ETC.
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